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Melrose, 11 P. M., June 5th, 1846.

Although the hour be an unusual one for beginning an epistle, and although, since learning, as I did upon leaving Ireland, that my beloved country is engaged in actual war, I have felt as ill disposed to write as you can be to read any further account of my wanderings, I must talk a little of these charming Abbeys of Dryburgh and Melrose

—most charming they are, and would be, even had the beauties of one never been told by the wizard, and the other never been

hallowed by being made his sepulchre. We reached the bank of the Tweed, opposite Dryburgh, a little after eight in the evening; the best hour, I think, we could have chosen

—we rowed across, when a walk of about

half a mile took us to the Abbey, so charmingly secluded among the foliage of Tweeddale.

During the reign of King David, this Abbey was reared,—a fine, Gothic structure, in the form of a cross. Now, all is

ruin. And in what is called St. Mary's aisle, in the northern transept, the most beautiful part, Sir Walter Scott lies buried, no stone or inscription marking the spot.

An iron railing divides the aisle into three parts, separating the place where Sir Walter lies beside the 'companion of his youth,' from other parts, in which rest the remains of some of his ancestors, the Haliburtons.

Approaching the Abbey from the east, we were led near a neat manor house, surrounded by stately trees, whose foliage, with that of the oaks, the firs, and cedars surrounding the Abbey, prevented our seeing even the towering gable of the east end of the ruin, until we were within a very few yards of it.

And then, for an hour, we gazed upon and walked among these beautiful ruins, rendered more beautiful, more lovely, perhaps, (not such the law?) by being almost concealed by the twining ivy and honeysuckle.

The space between St. Mary's aisle and the south portion of the south transept, includ-

ing almost the entire nave, is covered with a green sward, or grown up with tall trees, the bases of the old pillars and the western arched doorway only being left to mark the outlines of the old edifice. We were led to all the favorite points of view, into the subterranean chapter house, through the grounds and cloisters, by an excellent guide, who had

sense enough not to disturb the solemn silence of the place and the hour with unnecessary words, until the fading twilight and growing brightness of the moon, and the shadows cast by the ruins, reminded us that we must go.

Reaching the river's edge, our rowman was away, and a 'bonny lassie,' rowed us across to our carriage, when a four mile up-and-down hill ride brought us back to Melrose. Of course we drove to the Abbey—*Melrose Abbey!* Unless the gentle gentry who converted the Ursuline Convent into a ruin a few years since shall soon try their hands upon the new Grace Church of Trinity, in New York, upon some equally beautiful one, if you have one, in Boston, you must come to Melrose; and after looking upon the ruined Abbey from the gate leading to the yard, then from a distant corner of the burying ground, take your stand upon the green sward within its solemn walls, and as the rays of the pale moon shall come gently and sweetly down to you through the delicate tracery of the Gothic windows—see to it that you become not moonstricken. Yes, come, and once there, though the hour be, as it was with us, the tenth hour of night, what with the imitable beauty that will be revealed to you 'by the pale moonlight,' and the enchantment and perfect stillness of a Melrose night, broken only by the hour as told from the clock in the Abbey's old tower, and the murmuring music of the Tweed, and my word for it, no little ones pull at your knees with the cry, 'I am hungry and sleepy both,' you will not be sitting at your bed-side, as I am, pen in hand, at eleven o'clock.

For the Christian Reflector.

Free Masonry in the West.

MESSES. EDITORS.—From various articles which have appeared in Eastern papers, we might suppose that Free Masonry is merely a name of some defunct and forgotten institution; but we can assure you it has only gone West to fortify itself more strongly than ever. It has its dens in Chicago, Southport, Milwaukee, Madison, and other places where the frequency of their meetings, and the loudness of their claims, and pretensions, we should suppose these to be the days of their greatest prosperity. In some cases, they have protracted their meetings for many days in succession. One thing worthy of

remark, when the craft were visible to common eye, was the variety that constituted the group; old men who have thrown off their religious profession, young men strong in infidelity, the temperate drinker, and the old veterans of the bottle. Methodist preachers, and Episcopal priests, some just entered the lists because they knew not what Masonry is, and others because they do know what it is, and what it did with Morgan. It is pretty well ascertained that indefatigable exertions are being made by the Masons to foist into office and places of profit their brethren to the detriment and discouragement of honest, worthy men.

We want light from the East upon this subject. A generation are coming up that knew not the days of Morgan; and what vestiges of that history remain for youth, are contradicted by their Masonic fathers and friends. Very few works on that subject are to be found among us. A strange fatality seems to attend all treatises on the matter; yet we have some among us who knew the proceedings in Western New York, about eighteen years since, and they are determined that 'the light on Masonry' and other 'lights' shall be scattered all over our Territory.—At Chicago, a beginning is made; an Anti-Masonic Convention has been formed, and they are resolved to publish the names of all members of the craft, that voters may see who have bowed to Baal. They have also resolved to open a 'Lodge' and do business by day light, and on easier terms, to proclaim upon the house-tops what is told under the sanction of awful oaths in the ear. A Convention for the present season, as there are many of our best citizens who will never consent to the extensive revival of these abominations.

The most astonishing feature in this business is the unabashed audacity to deny all those facts which are so fully known and established among you. Even old professors of religion having all the evidence that the last twenty years have furnished them, of the tendency of Free Masonry, have come here and gone into the Lodges to the grief of their brethren, and dishonor of religion. And as strange as it may appear, it is a lamentable fact, that the Methodist preachers seem to be more especially the revivers and promoters of this institution. I was credibly informed that the appointment of one of these to the Chaplainship in our Legislature was effected by his having this man upon his list. The influence of such a doubtless very extensive in almost every form of society. It has interfered with the support of ministers with the building of houses of worship, and with the influence of every man that dares to oppose the works of darkness. WISCONSIN.

For the Reflector.

The Charitable Man.

On charitable lists—those trumpet which told the public ear, who had in secret done The poor a good turn, and done it well. They told of, took themselves to keep them sounding. He blazed his name, more pleased to have it there.

Then in the sun who loves to do The modest, poor doing unseen—Who'll trace the rugged pathway through, Without the aid of stately toga—Who'll go about the poor among,

To seek the suffering and distressed, Without the stimulus of fame—To trumpet forth an honored name—

Breaking the bands of the oppressed, Pouring balm upon the comfortless—To heal earth's sorrows—chase her fears—

And with her smile, to dry her tears—

I'll show you one who seeks to be A child of God—an ornament to charity.

Worcester, May 19. JUSTINIA.

Sacred Mountains—Mount Pisgah.

By REV. J. T. HEADLEY.

Perhaps there is no mountain on our planet which, from its associations, has furnished more cheering promises to man than Mount Pisgah. Around its summit cluster some of the most glorious truths of our religion, and a light falls there like the radiance of heaven itself. But of these I do not design to speak. Others have exhibited these truths better than I could; and following out the original plan, I wish merely to describe the scenes connected with this mountain, rather than the truths they develop.

Moses was disappointed in the land of Canaan. Though he had braved the wrath of Pharaoh, renounced his worldly expectations, periled his life, and led out the hosts of Israel for forty years through the wilderness, for the sole purpose of reaching the promised land, his eyes were never to be gladdened by the sight. He had escaped the wrath of his pursuers—the pestilence that swept so many thousands to death—the bite of the flaming serpents that strewed the camp with so many thousands more—even the decay of the body itself—to die at last by special decree, in sight of the very object of his toils—the anticipated rest from all his labors. The sea had been passed; the murmurs of the people borne with—the long, weary desert, travelled over—forty years of the prime of life exhausted, to secure one single object, and then he died with that oblique unreached, though spread out, in all its tempting loveliness before him.

Angry when the people clamored for water—daring to carry out the commands of the Lord in a petulant manner—assembling the people hastily, without sanctifying them for the great miracle about to be performed, addressing them roughly, and claiming the credit of the miracle, though, perhaps unintentionally, saying, 'Must we bring water out of the rock?' and, in his vexation, the rock twice, instead of once, as he had been commanded, and thereby inuring the Lord that he denied him entrance into Canaan.

In whatever relations we behold Moses, with the above single exception, he is ever the same sublime and majestic character. Noble by nature, great by his mission, and greater still by the manner in which he accomplished it, he ever maintains his ascendancy over our feelings. We see the fiery promptings of the heart that could not brook oppression, in the bloody vengeance he took on the Egyptian who would trample on his brother. Preferring the desert with freedom to the court of Pharaoh in sight of injustice, he led the life of a fugitive. Called by a voice from heaven to go back to deliver his people, he again trod the courts of the king of Egypt.

But not in the presence of Pharaoh when he withstood the monarch to his face, and brought down the thunders of heaven on his throne—not on the beach of the sea, with the sun upraised towards heaven and the other stretched out over the water, while the waves that went surging by, stopped and crunched at his feet—not in the midst of the king of Egypt.

I will not speak here of the instruction this scene affords, but from the very summit of his sorrows, where he had gone to die.

Moses, for the first time in his life, caught

raising manna—not in the lifting of the brazen symbol in the midst of the flying serpents, while the moan of suffering and the cries of the dying struggled up from a mighty encampment—not when, between the mountains, his stately form shone in the light of the blazing, fiery pillar, while the tread of the mighty multitude shook the earth behind him—not even when he stood on shaking Sinai, his guard the thunder, and his venture the lightning, and talked with the Eternal, as friend talketh with friend—not in all the awful relations does he appear to me so majestic and attractive as in the last event of his life.

Behold the white tents of Israel, stretched over the plain and swelling knolls, at the foot of Mount Nebo. It is a balmy, glorious day. The sun is sailing over the encampment, while the blue sky bends, like God, in love over all things. Here and there a fleecy cloud is hovering over the top of Pisgah, as if conscious of the mysterious scene about to transpire there. The trees stand green and green in the sunlight; the lowing of cattle rises through the still atmosphere, and nature is lovely and tranquil, as if no sounds of grief were to disturb her repose.

For thirty days did the Israelites mourn at the base of that mountain over their departed leader, and then mournfully struck their tents, and moved away. Consecrated by the death of Moses—receiving his last prayer and last sigh, Mount Pisgah stands the third sacred mountain on the earth.—N. Y. Obs.

view of Canaan. He did not know as he valleys and rivers, interested only to look at mill-seats, facilities for slack-water navigation, and passages to push canals and railroads. But such scenery, to another order of minds, is a feeling, and a voice, and a blessed teaching, and acts on the inward spirit, to soothe, to soften, to lift it heavenward. It is to them an impressive literature—

—is to them nature, in the character of a language full of high lessons and inspirations.

The visible world, no doubt, was intended thus to speak to man, to speak to him attractively.

It is well that there are others, who can travel among mountain heights, out from whose rafting creaks leap the live thunder,

interested only to inquire for elevations in feet and inches, to ascertain whether the rocks are granite or pudding-stone, or to settle a question of coal or chalybeate formation.

But there is more in these scenes, vastly more, than mere objects of dry, arithmetical inquiry. There is a glorious, ever-speaking literature. Mountains, 'ye are wondrous strong,' in your broken grandeur, ye disclose high eloquence. Ye speak intelligibly the attributes of your Divine Author! Ye lift up the spirit of man to the great Eternal!

Well is it that there is still another class of persons who can go out under our firmament, and, by telescope, ascend up among and beyond its worlds, and yet have nothing to talk of but paroxysm, peripety or aphelion. Glorious stars! They are the poetry of heaven! Hung on the vestibule to light the way, with silent eloquence they point all the just to their holy rest. As a type and symbol of the glories within the heavenly world itself, their words are unto the end of the world. Beautiful expanse of stars! Shine upon us! Ye seem the beginning of light of Jehovah's countenance, most intelligently attracting us to reverence and devotion. Such is the literature of the heavens; day unto day uttereth speech, night unto night sheweth knowledge.

It is well that there are persons of a still stranger description, who can look on man, bearing the impress of God, and holding in his hand an invitation to dwell in the presence of the eternal throne in heaven, and then set themselves down, as mere laborers, to plow and cultivate, to dry calculations as to his earthly labor, to consume, and peripety, peripety or aphelion.

Glorious stars! They are the music of heaven, which mortal ear hath not heard; and as she listened, their music entranced her soul.

At length, a light appeared in the East, and the sun burst forth from the portals of the heavens. Then the spirit hastened to arouse the young sleeper.

Awake, O my sister, awake! she cried,

—a new day hath dawned, and no cloud shall overshadow it. Awake, for the sun hath arisen which shall set me more.

ter, and cast herself at her feet, trembling exceedingly.

Then Faith raised the child, and led her forth from the shade of the trees, and pointed to the sun and said, "A shadow is passing over the face thereof, but no ray of his glory is extinguished. He still walketh in brightness, and thou shalt again delight thyself in his beams. See, even yet his face is not hidden wholly from us." But the child darted not look up, for the gloom struck upon her heart. And when all was bright again, she feared less than before.

When the eventide was come Faith went forth from the forest shade, and sought the lawn, where she might watch the setting of the sun. Then said she to her young sister, "Come and behold how far the beauties of the sunset transcend the beauties of the morning. See how softly they melt away, and give place to the shadows of night.

But Hope was now weary—her eye was very heavy, and her voice languid. She folded her radiant wings, and dropped on her sister's bosom and fell asleep.

But Faith watched through the night, she was never weary, nor did her eyelids need repose. She laid the child on a bed of flowers, and kissed her cheek. She also drew her mantle round the head of the young sleeper, that she might sleep in peace.

Then Faith looked upward, and beheld how the stars came forth. She traced them in their harmonies, which mortal ear hath not heard; and as she listened, their music entranced her soul. At length, a light appeared in the East, and the sun burst forth from the portals of the heavens. Then the spirit hastened to arouse the young sleeper.

Awake, O my sister, awake!" she cried, "a new day hath dawned, and no cloud shall overshadow it. Awake, for the sun hath arisen which shall set me more."

The Cherokee Nation.

The Cherokee Advocate makes the following appeal to the Cherokee community in the United States, on behalf of that devoted, but most interesting people, the Cherokee Indians:—

To the Cherokee Community in the United States:—

BELOVED FRIENDS:—I should not take the liberty of coming before you with any of my distresses, were it not for that brotherly love which unites the hearts of children of God in every land, and makes it their delight to help, to comfort, and to relieve others. Many of you, I presume, have already sympathized with the Cherokees, and shared deeply in their afflictions. I would not therefore call on you, to contemplate past events, further than shall be necessary to represent our present distressed condition; nor can I represent this but in part.

Precious and happy are the Cherokee people, peculiarly happy in each other, and in their own chiefs and government. At length the United States Government displayed special kindness, in erecting mills, and smith-shops, and furnishing us with implements for domestic and agricultural employments, and especially in encouraging, and assisting missionaries in instructing us and our children, not only in literature, but in the great doctrines of religion. We wished to follow the advice and example of the United States as far as we conveniently could, and therefore adopted a republican form of government, in which the majority ruled; and all the people at the gates of wisdom and knowledge assembled to meet their officers. Under this government they lived happily for a number of years. At length, however, circumstances entirely changed, and the kindred ties of friendship were broken; and that brother was set against brother, son against father, and friend against friend. The nation however clung, and still clings, to its republican government; but the divisions introduced a number of years ago still continue to exist, and the minority dissent from the government formed by a large majority of the people, and decline submission to the rulers they have elected. I do not mention this to wound your feelings, or to injure your character of the minority; but simply to make known our situation: Our officers being sworn into office, feel bound to sustain, as far as possible, the government and laws of the nation, while a few of the minority, I hope but a few, seem determined to put them down. And thus there is a direct collision. Could we make a law that the minority should govern, without destroying all government, and introducing mere anarchy, or could we do anything else consistently to bring back this brotherly affection which but a few years ago existed among us, I for one would rejoice to do it. But the question recurs, what can we do?

The darkness grows still darker in our path; and I greatly fear the effects of a continued division, let the parties be separated or not. And though I would not call in question the purity of the President's motives in recommending a division of the country, and the extension of the criminal laws of the United States over us, yet I greatly fear the effects of such a measure, as being likely to produce very disastrous consequences, if not the entire destruction of the nation. But with the nation must fall, also, all our churches, schools, and institutions for religious and literary improvement, and all our hopes, and the hopes of the Cherokee public with regard to our future prosperity.

They were both beautiful. Some loved to gaze upon the countenance of Faith, for her eye was serene, and her beauty changed not; but Hope was the delight of every eye.

And the child sported in the freshness of the morning, as she hung over the gardens and dewy lawns, her wings glittered in the sunbeams of a rainbow.

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BOSTON, THURSDAY, AUGUST 6, 1846.

THE FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND.

The movements that have resulted in giving a large portion of the established church in Scotland, the above distinctive title, are known to our readers. They are movements that very clearly mark the onward march of the principles of religious liberty. They indicate that there is still an unblenching integrity and purity in the evangelical faith, which has been there so long and nobly espoused.

But while progress is so distinctly traceable in the events that have led to the formation of the Free church of Scotland, we see in them and in the present position of things in that country, evidence from which we cannot turn away, the much, in this direction, that remains to be done. There is yet a fearful remove from emancipation in spiritual things. There is still a clinging to what is rotten in the past, and to what should be forever obsolete in the kingdom of Christ. The great body of this church, with the venerated name of Chalmers at their head, yet conform in their sentiments to that, in all times, most destructive religious dogma—the union of Church and State.

Our readers will remember that Dr. Chalmers a few years since, and while the controversy which has led to the secession of the Presbyterian church in Scotland, was pending, delivered lectures in London to crowds of admiring listeners, representing largely the nobility and the hierarchy of England, in which he elaborately and eloquently defended the grounds of such union. His position with that of Dr. Candlish, Cunningham, and the great body with whom he is associated, we understand to be one in which there is substantially an advocacy of church and state union, and an opposition only to the shams that they have so bitterly experienced, and those of hundred character. Maintaining such ground as this, we do not understand how they are entitled to the denomination of 'free' which they claim, and by which they have come to be known.

They are certainly to be commended for the noble intrepidity with which they stood forth at a trying emergency, and vindicated their religious rights against the encroachments of legalized worldliness. They have received no more of cordial, warm-hearted approval from the Christian community, than the religious and sacrificing stand for conscience and truth, which they have taken, requires. We give them our hand and our heart in all that they have done, while we deeply lament that so much remains undone. And we believe sincerely, that in no other than an extremely qualified sense, can they ever be 'free indeed,' until that most pernicious theory to which they still cling in devotion, is forever abjured and put away.

It is strange that our brethren of that church should not see the absurdity of the views thus maintained. To us it is difficult of explanation, that they cannot perceive that the fruit which they have bitterly tasted, is but the natural production of the tree that they have themselves planted, and their own soil nourished. The Lord speedily give them understanding in these things teaching them, that in his spiritual, as in his natural kingdom, 'Men cannot gather grapes of thorns, nor figs of thistles.' Christ's kingdom is not of this world, and if its professed subjects will involve themselves in the contradiction of what he has so explicitly taught, and seek unholy unions, they shall reap, as did Jehovah'saphat in his affinity with Abrah, a harvest of whirlwind. The church has been nourished by bread from heaven, and kept pure in wilderness, but never in courts or kindly alliances.

We cannot but feel in dwelling on such a theme as this, that the American Church, and its parent portion of it especially, have still a most important mission to accomplish. May the Lord anoint them with grace, fill them with wisdom, energy, and holiness to perform it.

SYMPATHY WITH POOR STUDENTS FOR THE MINISTRY.

MESSRS. EDITORS.—The following letter was composed in reply to one received from Rev. S. Hale, pastor of the Portsmouth Baptist church. On further reflection, however, I concluded to alter, somewhat, its shape and style, and to send it to your office for publication, that it calculated to do any good, it may have the opportunity of doing more. I have given it a faint utterance to feelings which, for years, have been a source to me of pain.

Yours, truly, JAMES UPHAMS.

New Hampton Theological Institution, *July 27, 1846.*

DEAR BROTHER.—Your letter of the 11th inst., inquiring, in behalf of the ladies of your church, whether there are at this Institution students embarrassed for want of funds, and who would be aided by articles of clothing, &c., was duly received, and, I need not add, afforded us sincere gratitude.

You, brother Hale, know enough of students to be most painfully aware that their lot, generally, is one of poverty,—poverty in one of its worst forms,—cheching the generous impulses of the soul, breaking down its native buoyancy and cheerfulness, and hampering, in a hundred ways, the full and vigorous exercise of the intellectual power. It is not poverty inherited, a crushed condition, having within itself no elements of relief, neither the remembrance of a better past, nor the hope of a more sunny future, for all the feelings may grow into a conformity with such a state, and the mind yield to it as to an accustomed yoke. But the student's poverty comes upon him as an unaccustomed evil. It is forced on him by the necessities of his case. The mental culture and furniture for which he toils, through long years of study, involves constant expenditure and little income. True, he may, and does, often do much toward his own support, and, much by way of physical labor, which even conduces to the highest and most successful action of his intellect; but, as often, his labor is such, both in kind and amount, as to conflict, directly and easily, with the immediate object of his endeavors. Nor are those who do most for their own help, exempt from contingencies of sickness and various disappointments, which may disarrange their best laid plans.

The student, then, most be poor and dependent, assimilated to the beggar in condition, and yet with a spirit high, generous, full of benevolent impulses, the moral opposite of meanness, embracing the world in his love of love, submitting to all that is humiliating and galling in poverty, that he may make others rich. It is this very circumstance,—that he is poor without the spirit of the beggar,—which makes his poverty the more irksome. He is conscious of power; he knows that there is not a branch of business to which he might not direct his energies with the most honorable success, did not his solemn convictions of duty bind him to his present course. The companions of his earlier youth have already entered on a career that promises competence and ease. A consciousness that his poverty is incurred for Christ's sake may, indeed, sustain him under a burden otherwise insupportable, and import to him a measure of holy fortitude, but it will not enable him to act the Stoic. He may bear up and press on, but he will not cease to feel. Let me

illustrate. He shines in refined society, sharing the hospitality of those who do not know the extent of his wants. His coat is rusty, and threadbare, and darned; his hat has stood by him through many a change in the fashionable world; beneath his boots, cold though it may be, there are either no hose, or such as his mother-woman has long since ceased to waste her yarn upon. Now he is neither a martyr, nor a confessor, nor a saint of extraordinary pretensions, and would it be strange should he experience a little mortification before?

But there are sterner sufferings at our Institutions,—sufferings which, if exhibited in full, would startle the Christian community. Such an exhibition has never been made, it never will be, it never can be. But not seldom is it that pecuniary embarrassments forbid the weary brain to rest at night, after the exhausting labors of the day have closed; nor a rare case is it for one, whose mind is habitually taxed to the extreme of healthy action, to superadd other efforts involving physical prostration with all its life long, or perhaps the early extinction of life itself.

The graves of Genius!—little does the world know how many of them relentless poverty has

tained thirty-four dollars. The church at Sandfield is one of the largest in the County. Our worthy brother, Rev. J. High, is the pastor. They have a good house of worship, and a good Parsonage, and are prosperous. Their esteemed pastor is about to leave them to go to the West, much to their grief. There I obtained forty-five dollars. This is the birth-place of our excellent brother, Rev. Dr. Sears, whose aged father I had the pleasure of visiting. The County is a most beautiful specimen of nature's luxuriant beauty, as every variety of her gifts for the supply of man and beast is most abundant. More hereafter of Berkshire. Yours truly,

H. SEAGER, Agt of A. & F. B. Soc.

THE MASS. BAPTIST CHARITABLE SOCIETY,
OR THE WIDOWS' FUND.

MESSRS. EDITORS.—I wish the privilege of presenting before your readers a few facts and suggestions concerning the Society, the name of which stands at the head of this article. Not having the records before me, what I shall say may not be so particular or so accurate in relation to some things as would be desirable, yet such statements and suggestions will be made as may be useful in directing attention to the wants of the widows and children of our departed ministers.

The design of this Society from the first has been to furnish aid to the widows and children of deceased Baptist ministers who were left in circumstances to need such aid. At first it was altogether an Association affair, and was confined to the Warren Association. As Associations multiplied, each Association took 'care of its own widows.' The principal means were from collections taken after the annual sermon. This money was ordinarily distributed by a Committee in case there were suitable objects to receive it. If it was not needed it was put into the hands of a Treasurer till it was needed. Occasionally, donations were received for this object from other sources. In this way many a widow's heart was made to sing for joy. As the number dependent on this charity was not great, a considerable amount was accumulated in some Associations, while others needed more than they collected. Such was the state and history of the 'Widow's Fund,' as this Society was then called, till about twenty-five years ago, when this whole business assumed a new shape. About this time a widow lady of the First Baptist church in Boston, by the name of Sparhawk, left by Will between one and two thousand dollars, to be appropriated for the assistance of widows and children of deceased indigent Baptist ministers in Massachusetts. I think Bro. Winchell, of precious memory, had something to do with the bestowment of this legacy. Some other sums were added to this amount about that time. The interest and the accumulations from the yearly collections soon swelled the whole to quite a sum. In order to put this in better form, a Society was formed and a charter obtained to render the funds secure under the title of the Massachusetts Baptist Charitable Society. The funds that were designed for the whole State, were of course put into the Treasurer's hands. The Treasurer was that most estimable man, Levi Farwell, who not long since left us for a higher sphere of action and happiness. I could mention one, whose acquaintance I have made since leaving college,—a graduate of Brown University, now one of our most successful teachers, a man of indomitable energy and iron will, who passed two entire days without a particle of food, and obtained his first mouthful by walking, faint and hungry as he was, some 30 or 40 miles to his father's house, and that father one of the most esteemed pastors in Massachusetts. I could mention cases now existing, the details of which would show that there are other martyrs than those who embrace the stake. But it is needless to particularize; the majority of students at our colleges and our theological institutions, suffer pecuniary embarrassment, some more and some less, but all to a degree which renders them fit objects of the regards of those who love that cause on whose altar most of them have thrown themselves a living sacrifice.

I have wept over the account of young Luther, singing for a morsel of bread at the doors of the wealthy, while at school, and returning to his study again, hungry and in tears, with his little heart bursting at the harsh words he had received. But O, when he found a 'Shunammite' in the pious matron of Eisenach, I have responded, Amen! to the declaration subsequently made, in allusion to this incident, by the mighty Reformer:—'there is nothing sadder than the heart of a pious woman.' To the women of New England, I command the struggling students of New England, Let me assure them, that their charities and their sympathies will be greatly appreciated, and be remembered to their honor, to whatever eminence of station or usefulness the future may exalt the recipients of their present bounty.

From what I have said, the ladies of your church will readily see that aid of almost any character will be acceptable to our young brethren. The sewing circle cannot meet all their wants, but it will be praise enough that they have done what they could! Theirs is to wield the scissors and ply the needle. Whatev'er their hands may find to do, they may do with their might. We will gladly take upon ourselves the fit objects of the regards of those who love that cause on whose altar most of them have thrown themselves a living sacrifice.

The amount of funds on hand is something over \$6,000. As this Society had not attracted much attention, at the last meeting of its Board, it was thought advisable to send out in our religious papers a succinct account of the Society, embracing its past history, present state, and future wants. This service the writer of this article was requested to perform. A brief outline of its past history has been given above. Our present state is as follows: The number of the recipients of our bounty is from 13 to 16, having doubled within a few years, though one died last year, and one so changed her circumstances as not to need our help. Some of these widows have received aid many years, while others have been left in widowhood but recently. These widows are in different Associations. The Barnstable has one, the old Colony one, the Boston four, the Salem one, the Worcester three, the Wachusetts one, the Franklin two, the Westfield one, and the Berkshires one; in all fifteen. I am not certain that every part of this list is right, but it is not far from it. The sum necessary to meet the wants of these widows will be about \$800, over rather than under. To meet this demand we have the interest on the fund not far from \$375. The collections about \$300 we shall have only \$675, to meet \$800, leaving at least a deficiency of \$125. Since our appropriations in May, another aged widow has been added to our beneficiaries. By the death of our father in the ministry, Rev. Shubael Lovell, his widow, who has long labored and sacrificed in the toils and sufferings of her husband, has been thrown on the world without means of support. It is apparent from the past that our dependent widows will be increased in a more rapid ratio than in time past. From the observation which we have made, this charity has a very slight hold of our churches, even of our ministers, especially the younger part. Then widows of our departed brethren are for the most part laid aside to be forgotten. The object of this communication is to bring them before the public eye, and thus to enlist sympathy and aid in their behalf. If ministers do nothing, who will? They may be young or rich, but that may not avail them. Their wives and helpless children. Riches often strangely take to themselves wings and fly away; the rich to-day may not be rich to-morrow. Youth is no security against death; some of our beneficiaries are in the morning of life, or in the mid of life with their helpless children. Should not, then, all our ministers do what they can for the widow and the orphan? Will not the churches, especially those who have ample means, add something to our ability to do good? Are there not private brethren who will make donations or legacies to our Society? Cannot an effort be made to increase our collections at our Associations this year, so as to save the funds we have on hand? Will not those who preach the introductory sermons bring this subject before the people at the close of their sermons, when the collection is taken, and use such motives to liberality as a husband and a father would use when he reflects that his own wife may be a helpless widow, and his children helpless orphans. Formerly this was always done, but lately not a word is said, and meager collections are the result; now the facts are that the brethren and sisters and others are not informed, and moved as they

should be and might be. Could they fully understand the case, they would give liberally.

This is a self-perpetuating Society; new members are chosen by the body itself. This may seem to some to be on a wrong basis, but if it were on any other, it is feared that it would soon become extinct. If any ministers or lay brethren are interested in this Society, and would willingly contribute to promote its interest at least the presence at the anniversaries, and to give us good contributions at the Associations and otherwise, we engage that they shall all be elected next year. We have no doing members enough now. The Anniversary is always the last Wednesday in May, at 12 o'clock, M. in Boston. The Board consists of a President, Secretary, and Treasurer, with twelve trustees, who transact the business of the Society. The Board have a meeting immediately after the Anniversary, and another during the session of the Boston Association. The officers for the present year are the writer of this article, President, Thomas Shaw, Esq., Secretary, and Joshua Lincoln, Treasurer, Boston. Any communication to the Secretary, or either of the other officers, will receive due attention.

ANALYST. FISHER.

South Milford, July 23d, 1846.

CHARITY.

There is no trait of character, the possession of which is more indispensable to the Christian, than that of charity. Yet we fear this grace is not appreciated by many of the professed followers of Christ, as it was by Paul, who so beautifully said, 'Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal. And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing.' And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be buried, and that heart ceased to suffer, and that genius soared away to more congenial climes!

The case of Forbes may be thought an extreme. In many of its features it is; but after all, it is but the striking representative of a great class. Did delicacy allow it, I could point particular churches to their now loved and revered pastors, and assure them that I knew them in college days, as *actual sufferers*. I could point out those whose entire course was one of incessant struggles with *long and harassing uncertainties*. I could mention one, whose acquaintance I have made since leaving college,—a graduate of Brown University, now one of our most successful teachers, a man of indomitable energy and iron will, who passed two entire days without a particle of food, and obtained his first mouthful by walking, faint and hungry as he was, some 30 or 40 miles to his father's house, and that father one of the most esteemed pastors in Massachusetts. I could mention cases now existing, the details of which would show that there are other martyrs than those who embrace the stake. But it is needless to particularize; the majority of students at our colleges and our theological institutions, suffer pecuniary embarrassment, some more and some less, but all to a degree which renders them fit objects of the regards of those who love that cause on whose altar most of them have thrown themselves a living sacrifice.

What may be our profession, if we are destined to charity, we have not the love of God shed abroad in our hearts. If we possess this grace, then we also possess many other inseparable qualities of character, and are truly the children of God.—'Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal. And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing.'

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It is believed that pastors and brethren in the State have been consulted somewhat extensively relative to the above plan of raising money for the Convention, and that it has met every where with cordial approval and commendation. It has repeatedly been said, as we are informed, that the plan has been stated to individuals, 'like it much. Needless expenditures for agencies, &c., will thus be avoided.'

Let it then be adopted, and be carried fully out, for years to come. Indeed, it is confidently expected that pastors and deacons will look after this thing, and see that an average proportion is raised by their churches. It is presumed that there are pastors, all over the State, who would cheerfully and gratuitously act as agents, if needed, to a limited extent, to secure something from every church, as is desired; and especially, that the pastors of the aided churches will lend their assistance to secure to the Convention all that is contemplated. We are all concerned in this object, and it must, it will, with the blessing of God, be accomplished.

How much happier would we be, if it were composed of men who envy not; vainglory not; themselves uncleanly; and neighbors and liberality not; and though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal. And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing.'

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sider whether they are not called upon to give a steady and liberal support to this enterprise.

What we ask is, that every pastor to whom this circular is sent, will present the subject to his church, and ask them to aid us. Those who are not pastors, we ask to send us an individual donation, and encourage their neighbors to do the same. We are now in want of funds to meet our necessary expenses. May we not hope that this call will be promptly and liberally responded to?

It will be seen that the management of the concerns of the Bethel is chiefly in the hands of laymen, chosen by their respective churches, and well known to the religious public. All the pastors in the city have given their cordial approbation to the Society, but on account of their many engagements ask to be excused from the labor of managing its affairs.

The following are the names of the gentlemen composing the Bethel Committee, to have charge of its concerns for the current year, who belong to the various churches in the city.

THOMAS RICHARDSON, S. G. STEPHENS, J. J. TURNER, E. E. CARTER, FREDERICK GOULD, LEWIS JONES, JONES FORSTAL, NEHEMIAH NELSON, S. S. GIBB, S. A. WELLS, W. M. CROWELL, BENJ. SMITH, WM. W. KRIST, C. S. KELLY, A. HOBBS, G. W. CHIPMAN, REMEMBER our Bethel is on the corner of Lewis and Commercial Streets. Donations may be sent to any member of the Committee.

Boston, July 15, 1840.

COMMENCEMENT AT MIDDLEBURY COLLEGE.

The Anniversary of Middlebury College, at Middlebury, Vermont, occurred on the 21st and 22d ultimo. The exercises were opened with an oration by Rev. David Dobie, of Plattsburg, delivered before the Philadelphia Society. "It treat'd," says the correspondent of the Chronicle, "of the agency and sway exercised by the student during the world's past historical periods, and the reasonable expectation of the same predominance in the periods to come."

Wednesday commenced the exercises of the graduating class, twelve in number. The oration of the afternoon before the Society of Associated Alumni, was Rev. C. B. Drake, of Royalton.

J. G. SAXE, Esq., of the legal profession in the town of Highgate, and a graduate of a few years' standing, fulfilled his appointment by the Alumni, and closed the Anniversary, with a humorous oration upon "Progress."

A such treat was enjoyed at the address of Rev. Dr. Cheever, on "National Literature," which is thus described by a correspondent of the Vermont Observer:

We listened with wondering delight, as he calmly unfolded the influences which for centuries have been deluging the nations of Europe with a corrupt and debasing literature, and we forthwith masterly elocuted the various materials of which our literature must be composed, that we might continue an enlightened, a generous, a free people. Would that all our scholars could have heard him—one who loves noble thoughts and lofty aims—whose mind will at times picture scenes in our now youthful Republic, when a century or two shall have increased our twenty millions to more than a thousand—whose emotions work warmly as he contemplates the more than probable time, when other languages of the earth, now but slavish ways to passion and superstition, shall vanish at the touch of science, and the Saxon Literature renovated, strengthened, and animated by the loftiest principle of life, shall spread its wide arms over every portion of the habitable globe. It was a majestic discourse, brilliant with genius and replete with wisdom.

Washington.

Washington, July 30, 1840.

MESSRS. EDITORS.—The scenes at the Capitol for the last few days have been exciting beyond precedent. It had all along been anticipated that in the Senate the vote would be very close, it being understood that three Democratic Senators, one from Connecticut, and two from Pennsylvania, would vote against the new Bill. This, it was supposed, would leave the Senate balanced, in case the remaining members voted with their respective parties. But the vote of Mr. Haywood, of North Carolina, and that of Mr. Jarnigan, of Tennessee, are considered extremely doubtful. On Saturday, however, all speculation was put to rest concerning Mr. Haywood, by his resigning his seat in the Senate, rather than to vote against his party or for the Bill. After various motions to re-commit and amend, the Bill was ordered to its third reading by the casting vote of the Vice-President. This was a severe blow to the Pennsylvanians, great numbers of whom were in attendance. Mr. Dallas is a Pennsylvanian, made a strong speech for protection in 1822, and was claimed, up to the last moment, as a strong Tariff man. But the reasons he gave for his vote soon removed all doubt. He voted with his party.

The Senate Chamber, lobbies, and gallery were crowded almost to suffocation. Anxiety was depicted on every countenance. Foreign ministers, with their suits, were in attendance, and when the result was announced, no noise than that of Mr. Parkenham, the British Minister.

The Senate having adopted one amendment, the Bill had to be returned to the House for concurrence, and on yesterday morning it was announced in the latter body. A call of the House was ordered—211 members answered to their names. This was an unusually full attendance. Mr. Stewart, of Pennsylvania, moved to lay the Bill on the table. This motion was lost by 96 to 113. The previous question was then ordered by a vote of 109 to 103. Another motion was made to lay the Bill and the amendment on the table; this was regarded as the last vote. The motion was lost by 111 to 93. The amendment of the Senate was then concurred in, and the Bill declared PASSED.

The House have now under consideration the Bill to modify the Post Office law, proposing one clause, instead of one half an ounce as the minimum weight of a letter. I think, however, from the tone of the House, the law will not be altered. The Senate has under deliberation the Sub-Treasury Bill, which will probably pass to-day.

Both Houses seem intent on bringing their labors to a close. The members are much worn down by the labors and excitement of the long session.

Yours, &c.

P. S. The House, by a pretty strong vote, has just considered the new Post Office Bill to the table. It was designed by it to raise the postage on letters and papers. The vote is in favor of a strong disposition to let the law remain as it is. This is right.

The French Specie Bill is now by a very favorable vote under consideration. It has passed the Senate.

Miscellanea.

SABBATH SCHOOL EXCURSIONS.—These are becoming somewhat common, and we know not why, if they are suitably conducted, they may not be useful as they certainly are agreeable. We were permitted a short time since to accompany the Tremont school during a pleasant excursion. On Wednesday, of last week, we (the plural is here used in a sense purely literal,) had the pleasure of accompanying the school connected with the First Baptist church in Roxbury, with those on Tremont Road, and Dorchester Plain, during an excursion down the harbor with its beautifully variegated island scenery to the rural grounds in rear of the Old Colony House, in Hingham. The day was delightful, the arrangements for the occasion were perfect, and nothing occurred to mar them; the band on the water and in the grove, discourse inspiring music. Remarks, entertainments and lively, were made by Rev. Messrs. Caldicott, Shaler, Bancard, T. P. Smith, and J. P. Ticeomb, the former the efficient superintendent of the school belonging to the First Society, both of whom with Mr. J. L. Plumer, contributed not a little to give zest and interest to the day. All seemed happy, and none more so than the boys and girls connected with the different schools, many of whom we observed clad in the drapery of forest leaves. Altogether it was to the old and the young alike a scene of innocent and invigorating recreation.

A NEW FREE CHAPEL.—We are glad to know that the Chapel recently erected for Rev. Mr. Howe's church and society in Merrimack street, is nearly completed. The neat and commodious vestry in the basement of the house, is entirely finished, and religious services will be held there every Sabbath, until the upper part of the house can be occupied. Last Sabbath forenoon, we had the pleasure of hearing Mr. Howe preach his first sermon in the vestry of the chapel. He took for his text, Proverbs 8: 32:—Now therefore hearken unto me, O ye children! for blessed are they that keep my ways? The sermon, which was profitable to all present, was particularly adapted to young people, who constituted a large and interesting portion of the audience. We were struck with the peculiarly deep interest which Mr. H. takes in young people and in Sabbath schools, as well as with his unusually happy manner of interesting and instructing the young. The vestry was well filled. We expect much good to result from this important Christian enterprise.—U.

PIQUA, OHIO.—Our readers will be interested in reading the following description of the town whose inhabitants, according to the latest advice, are entertaining in a hospitable and Christian manner the emancipated but persecuted slaves of John Randolph:

The first of August, as commemorating West India emancipation, appears to have been appropriately celebrated. Quite a large procession of colored people passed our office, with banners, preceded by a band of music. The appearance of those who composed the procession was certainly very creditable. We noticed among others, as they passed in front of our office, the following inscriptions on their banners: "This day we celebrate the emancipation of 800,000 human beings from bondage." "We want our rights, it is all we ask." "Remember them who are in bonds, as bound with them."

WE are happy to learn, says the Salem Register, that the Rev. Mr. Carleton has commenced the distribution of Bibles in our city, and that he meets with a very kind reception from all classes and denominations. We understand that while the destitute, who are unable to pay, are supplied gratuitously, many are disposed to purchase, for the encouragement of the object of the Bible Society, and their own accommodation.

WE are ever gratified in being able to serve the public even beyond the columns of our own paper. It gives us pleasure to see articles copied from the Christian Reflector, especially when they are deemed deserving of the honor.

But this pleasure is now and then somewhat mingled. We notice one of our exchanges, whose kindness we have ever appreciated, gives nearly two columns of matter including an account we gave of the late embarkation, and also the beautiful and touching letter of farewell from Mrs. Judson, and no credit whatsoever is given, and the readers would of course gain the impression that all came from, or to the editor himself. We hope the omission with our brother was unintentional, as we cannot be persuaded that he would unlawfully enter into other men's labor.

FROM THE ARMY ON THE RIO GRANDE.—Intelligence has been received at New Orleans from Brazos de Santiago up to July 20th. General Taylor was at Matamoros superintending and pushing forward the recruits. Camargo was taken by six companies with the Seventh Regiment, without firing a gun. Corregidor witnessed the affair with a strong garrison.

The soil in the vicinity is fertile, and adapted to all kinds of grain and other products. The common schools are in a flourishing condition, and the subject of education is well attended to.

FORSTER'S STATEMENTS OF THE COMMONWEALTH.—The Harpers are publishing this celebrated work, in five numbers, each having an engraving, the two first of which have been issued. The publication is enriched with notes by Rev. Dr. Chouteau, and following so appropriately the appearance of Carlyle's Cromwell, must be highly acceptable to the public.

GOING TO ROME.—A Philadelphia correspondent of the Journal of Commerce states that the Rev. Mr. Major, of the Protestant Episcopal Church, has given in his adhesion to Catholicism, and taken his first communion. He had a parish in one of the lower districts of Philadelphia county, and the decision came rather unexpectedly upon his congregation. He was formerly located at Harrisburg.

TERITORY OF BOSTON.—The city contains 2,035 acres, including the Common (45 acres). This also includes South and East Boston. It is estimated that there are 200 acres of made land within the city proper, 60 or 80 acres of which have been made south of the cove, and some 60 or 70 at the north, or northwest part of city, nearly the whole of which was formerly known as the Mill Pond.

MARSHFIELD HOTEL.—The following note is sent us by a Philadelphian. We cheerfully give it a place, not doubtting that the house merits the encomium passed upon it. Visitors will find the Christian Reflector, with other valuable religious papers, in its reading room.

"Going to Boston?—We have a residence, and a temperance principles, I took up my quarters at the 'Marshall.' I have been most agreeably surprised at the good order, neatness, and quiet family-like appearance of everything about the house. Most chearfully I found a family who wish for freedom from the disgusting annoyances of liquor and tobacco, here to take up their residence, during a stay in the city of 'notions.' The landlord is one of your good hosts in reality; not selling you poison to drink, but good, wholesome accommodations, and a wise course of action. None can fail with Mr. C. W. Jenks, whose experience and skill in his profession, and his good character, will be sure to make him a valuable assistant to this particular business are rarely met with. By going up above a place in the columns of your valued paper, you will confer a favor on your Travellers."

STATISTICS OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, (O. S.)—There are in connection with the General Assembly, Synods, 25; Presbyteries, 116; Ministers, 1,643; Licentiates, 228; Candidates for the Ministry, 339; Churches, 2,224; Members admitted during the year on examination, 7,766; Members admitted during the year on certificate of 5,620; total of communicants, 17,140; adult baptism, 2,063; children baptized, 963; money contributed for religious purposes, \$254,514.

RELIGIOUS DENOMINATIONS IN MASSACHUSETTS. Societies. Ministers.

Baptists.....224.....181.

Ortodox Congregationalists.....49.....41.

Episcopalians.....57.....43.

F. W. Baptist and Christian.....41.....33.

Friends.....20, no ministers.

Methodists.....202.....150.

New Jerusalem.....8.....5.

Roman Catholic.....158.....141.

Unitarians.....162.....109.

Other societies.....11.....5.

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STATISTICS OF MASSACHUSETTS BENEVOLENCE.—It was stated a few days since, that of the \$4,942,465, which has been contributed, during the last thirty-four years, to the American Board of Foreign Missions, upwards of one quarter had been given in Massachusetts, and that of

the \$600,000 contributed to the American Baptist Board, about one-fifth had also come from the same State.

From examination of the recent reports of benevolent societies, it also appears that of the \$125,241, received the past year by the American Home Missionary Society, \$41,638, or nearly one-third, was from Massachusetts, and that of the \$153,916 received the same year by the American Tract Society, upwards of \$40,000, or more than a quarter of the whole, was likewise from the same State.

THE Classical Scholarship of Burke. 7. The Baptist Controversy in Denmark. 8. Literary Notices. 9. Miscellaneous Intelligence.

The extended and valuable article on reparation, we observe to be from the pen of our highly esteemed brother, Rev. T. F. Caldicott.

The subject which it discusses, has received

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and Mr. C. has brought to its consideration much learning and ability.

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